



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 0154 – RELATING TO INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

I am Linda K. Johnsrud, Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy, University of Hawaii System, and I am testifying on behalf of the University on House Bill 0154 that proposes a check-off box in personal income tax returns for amounts that would go to the UH, with allocations going to the ten campuses.

The University of Hawaii System would like to thank the legislature for its efforts to increase the revenues of your public university and supporting us as we do our best to respond to the educational and workforce needs of the state of Hawai'i. We really do appreciate it.

We cannot, however, support HB0154. Viewed from a statewide perspective, there are many pressing social needs facing our community. An income tax check-off should not be created solely for the University.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.